



RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY RECOVERY & RESILIENCY NAVIGATOR TO ENGAGE FARMERS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS, AND ZERO-WASTE EXPERTS IN DEVELOPING THE HAWAII ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY RECOVERY & RESILIENCY PLAN.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a severe and unprecedented impact on the State of Hawaii's economy, causing hotels, shopping malls, airlines, restaurants, retailers, service professionals, nonprofits, and numerous small businesses to significantly reduce or shut down operations; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of March 2020, the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations has received over 250,000 unemployment claims, representing about one-third of the State's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's economic pillars, including the tourism, agriculture, healthcare, and service industries, are experiencing extreme financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, in response to the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Ige on April 8, 2020, issued a Proclamation Establishing a Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery & Resiliency Navigator ("Proclamation") to coordinate, direct, and implement a collaborative statewide plan for economic and community recovery and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery & Resiliency Plan ("the Plan") involves a concurrent three-part strategy to address the economic and community impacts of COVID-19: Part I – Stabilization; Part II – Recovery; and Part III – Resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Plan intends, in part, to re-evaluate and restructure Hawaii's economy to meet the new normal and desired future for Hawaii and identify and invest in systemic changes in the economy and society that further economic diversification, environmental preservation, sustainability, and Hawaii's values and way of life; and



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WHEREAS, three areas that the Plan should address are: food security for Hawaii, the role of Native Hawaiian cultural values and rights, and the State's response to the global climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, at present, Hawaii imports approximately 90 percent of its food from the U.S. mainland or other countries, placing local residents at risk of food shortages in the event of natural disasters, economic disruption, and other external factors beyond the State's control; and

WHEREAS, food security must be ensured for Hawaii's population under all circumstances, including in the event of a national or global calamity that disrupts the delivery of food into Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, increasing the production and sale of Hawaii-grown agricultural commodities would ensure Hawaii's food sustainability and independence, contribute to significant job creation in the State, and assist in the much-needed diversification of Hawaii's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Plan offers an opportunity to mold an economy that embraces the wisdom of Native Hawaiian cultural values that reflect a spirit of caring for the land and environment, as well as for respecting inclusivity, equity, and the rights of indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, the global climate crisis has impacted Hawaii through rising atmospheric and ocean temperatures, sea level rise, shoreline erosion, shifting weather patterns, the endangering of fresh water availability, and land ecosystem changes; and

WHEREAS, the Plan should respond to the need to make Hawaii's communities resilient to the impacts of pandemics, storms, floods, fire, and sea-level rise and promote the creation of jobs in Hawaii's "green" economic sector; and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation states, in part, that "the success of the development and implementation of the Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery & Resiliency Plan will be based on engaging stakeholders, coordinating efforts, collecting input and data . . . and developing data driven analysis for decision-making"; and

WHEREAS, in order to successfully address the issues of food security, perspectives of indigenous peoples, and global climate change, it is critical that input from farmers, Native Hawaiians, and zero-waste experts be considered in the process of developing the Plan; now, therefore,



CITY COUNCIL
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No. 20-100

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery & Resiliency Navigator to engage farmers, Native Hawaiians, and zero-waste experts in developing the Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery & Resiliency Plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the Hawaii State Senate, the Speaker of the Hawaii State House of Representatives, the Mayor, and the Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery & Resiliency Navigator.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tony Watson

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

APR 29 2020

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 04/29/20 By: TOMMY WATERS

Committee: COUNCIL

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

05/20/20 COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20-100 WAS ADOPTED.

9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR,
PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER